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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director, Research and Reports

SUBJECT: Conversation with DD/I on the Question of
Publishing and Disseminating Unclassified
ORR Reports

1. Immediately after the meeting with Assistant Secretary Kearns in the Director's office today I had the opportunity to raise the subject question with Mr. Amory. I explained the immediate problem confronting us with the joint State/CIA paper on Soviet economic reorganization, explaining that we had discussed this at some length among ourselves and also with Mr.

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2. Mr. Amory stated that he was aware and approved of our recently developed system of publishing unclassified reports which were susceptible of distribution outside of the government after the cover had been removed. I said that the present paper dealt with a dynamic problem of Soviet public policy as distinct from the one or two initial releases which were essentially factual or methodological papers and explained that you were concerned over the possibility of repercussions which might arise out of dissemination of our discussion concerning the problems and possible effectiveness of the possible reorganization in Russia, even though the materials from which the article was derived were of an unclassified nature.

3. I went on to say that probably I had added to your troubles by proposing that this article, as well as other unclassified pieces, be published and distributed to selected American scholars outside the government with attribution to the Agency carried on the cover, i.e. to print the official seal and "prepared by the Central Intelligence Agency." I explained that the motivation for this proposal was a desire to impress selected circles in the academic community with the quality and nature of our research in order to (1) improve our recruitment situation, and (2) to stimulate additional research outside the government which would supplement the work that we are doing here.

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4. In this connection I noted that [REDACTED] had advised us that OSI was preparing to release scientific pieces to selected parties outside the government which would carry attribution to the Agency.

25X1A9a 5. Mr. Amory's first reaction was that the papers OSI is planning to distribute are essentially of a technical nature and that he thought that a similar procedure would be suitable for us where we were preparing essentially technical pieces which we thought desirable for outside distribution. I asked him whether he would like us to use this distinction between technical and "policy pieces" as our central criterion in this problem. He replied by asking: (a) what channel we had in mind for dissemination outside the government, and (b) how many copies we were thinking of. I replied that [REDACTED] had told us that Technical Services Division in Commerce was available, but our initial reaction was that since we were thinking only of limited distribution we would simply print an extra 50 or 75 copies above our normal run and distribute these selectively ourselves.

6. At this, Mr. Amory, who had obviously been having some second thoughts, stated that he thought on further consideration we should go ahead and publish these pieces on a perfectly unclassified basis with Agency identification on the cover. In this regard he stated that he thought since our distribution outside the government was to be on a selective basis to only a small number of bona fide scholars in the field that we should include such pieces as the joint paper with State on the economic reorganization. He went on to say that he "would back us in this" and requested in this connection that we keep [REDACTED] 25X1A9a advised of the distribution outside the government of such unclassified reports in order that the DD/I would be currently informed and in a position to deal with any problems should they come up. He also suggested that in the foreword of such pieces we make it clear that these have been prepared from open source materials.

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Conversation with David Henry, Chief, DES,
Department of State, Concerning Publication
and Dissemination of the Joint Paper on
Soviet Economic Reorganization

1. I explained to Henry today on the telephone that we were considering the possibility of publishing the subject paper as an unclassified document, minus the tear-off cover which has so far been planned. I asked him: (a) would State object to unclassified publication? (b) would State object to unclassified publication if CIA were to disseminate a limited number to selected persons in the academic community if the paper is identified as a joint State/CIA paper?

2. Henry replied that State has no objection to unclassified publication, nor do they object to any dissemination by us of the paper whether or not it is identified as a joint State/CIA paper. In fact, he went on to say, State had been planning to disseminate it anyway to a standard list of persons and institutions around the country to whom their unclassified publications go automatically. In this connection Henry drew attention to the obvious need for coordination in dissemination since it would be probable that many of the people to whom we would wish to circulate the piece are already on the Department's mailing list. (I am asking [REDACTED] 25X1A9a to obtain from State their mailing list for unclassified publications and hope to have it in time to append it to this memorandum.)

3. Henry summed up his reaction by saying State was agreeable to any or all of the proposals I had outlined and his only concern in the matter was that further delay be avoided. He wondered, he said, whether joint efforts of this kind were really worth it since delay seemed almost inevitable when two agencies such as ours tried to concert on a job of this kind. He hoped that we could move quickly in arriving at a decision since, as he pointed out, the material on which this article is based is already a couple months old and with a dynamic problem of this kind timeliness is of the essence. I assured him we would do our best and that, as joint authors, we share his concern on this point.

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